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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: CHILEAN GOUP

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV MEDIA PREDICTABLY VOCAL AND PASSIONATE ON OVERTHROW ALLENDE REGIME. FRONT PAGES MAJOR DAILIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY DEVOTED TO CHILEAN COUP AND DEATH OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE, WITH NEWS REPORTS, OFFICIAL STATEMENTS CONDEMNING COUP, EDITS, COVERAGE OF WORLD REACTION, AND BACKGROUND REPORTS ON ALLENDE GOVT. END SUMMARY.

2. YUGOSLAV PRESS SEPT 13 CARRIES LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU STATEMENT CONDEMNING "CRIMINAL ACT BY SINISTER, REACTIONARY, IMPERIALIST AND NEO-COLONIALIST FORCES." FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AUGUST 12 EXPRESSED "DEEP CONCERN FOR EVENTS IN CHILE WHICH WERE "IMPERIALIST CHALLENGE THROWN IN FACE OF NON-ALIGNED..." MASS ORGANIZATION SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF YUGOSLAVIA (SAWPY) DECRIED EVENTS IN CHILE AS "IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY AND FACIST TERROR." YUGOSLAV YOUTH UNION, YUGOSLAV TRADES UNION, YUGOSLAV RESERVE OFFICERS FEDERATION, YUGOSLAV VETERANS FEDERATION, EXPRESSED SIMILAR STATEMENTS, BITTERLY CONDEMNING CHILEAN COUP. TODAY'S PRESS ALSO CARRIES TITO TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE TO ALLENDE FAMILY.

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3. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA SEPT 13 INCLUDES NENADOVIC EDIT,

"CRIME IN CHILE." WHICH CITES CAUSES FOR EVENTS IN CHILE, INCLUDING "VENGEFUL MOOD OF SOME MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES SUCH AS ITT" AGAINST ALLENDE GOVT. BORBA SEPT 13 EDIT (PETKOVIC) ALSO NOTES THAT "PRESSURES FROM USA, OPEN OR HIDDEN, CAME ONE AFTER ANOTHER." EDIT MENTIONS "WELL KNOWN ITT AFFAIR" WHICH EARLIER ATTEMPTED "WITH CIA ASSISTANCE" TO ORGANIZE ATTEMPT ON ALLENDE'S LIFE, AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF CHILE LED BY US, BORBA EDIT CONCLUDES, "CONTEROFFENSIVE IS PROOF THAT NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BIG POWERS DO NOT NECESSARILY GUARANTEE SECURITY OF OTHER COUNTRIES."

4. BORBA SEPT 13 ALSO CARRIES TANJUG (WASH) ITEM HEADLINED, "USA INFORMED?" WHICH CITES REUTERS ACCOUNT OF US PRE-KNOWLEDGE OF COUP. TANJUG ITEM INCLUDES DENIAL OF REPORT BY STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. TANJUG BULLETIN SEPT 13 CARRIES ARTICLE BY TANJUG EDITOR MILOSEVIC WHICH SHARPLY CONDEMNS ACTION OF MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE AND CITES "CONSPIRACY OF REACTION-ARY CRICLES IN CHILE, BACKED BY INSPIRATION AND MOST GENEROUS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL FORCES..." (SIMILARLY DNEVNIK, NOVI SAD; VJESNIK, ZAGREB; NOVA MAKEDONIJA, SKOPJEL.

5. P. 2 ARTICLE (BARBIERI) "ALLENDE'S THREE YEARS" CITES U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN CHILE AND EFFORTS TO EXERT ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON REGIME. WRITER ALSO REVIVES JACK ANDERSON'S "SECRET WHITE HOUSE AND PENTAGON DOCUMENTS" WHICH IMPLICATE ITT AND CIA IN ALLEGED PLANS TO PREVENT ALLENDE ACCESSION TO POWER. NY CORRESPONDENT GUSTINCIC REPORT (P. 3) ASKS "WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED OF GENERALS?" AND MENTIONS "SERIOUS REASONS FOR CONCERN" AND "RISE OF COPPER PRICES IN NEW YORK." CITING OFFICIAL US RESTRAINT IN REACTING TO CHILE NEWS, GUSTINCIC REPORTS "STRONG FEAR IN WASHINGTON THAT CIA AND 'MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES' WILL BE CONDEMNED..." THEREFORE STATE DEPT CONSIDERING ISSUING STATEMENT INDICATING USG "NEVER SATISFIED WITH OVERTHROWING LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS BY FORCE." THAT APPROACH, WRITER SAYS, "WAS FORGOTTEN" IN CASE OF LON NOL COUP IN CAMBODIA, BUT HAS BEEN REVIVED "TO PREVENT UNPLESANT REACTIONS" IN LA.
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